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Relax. These apps still work.

Korean apps love asking for a +82 number. Here's which ones let you in with your own number and card, and what to use when they don't.

Works

Partly

Not confirmed

Need a Korean number anyway?

Some tourist SIMs come with a Korean number. LG U+ says its voice + text plans pass the text check in restaurant and taxi apps, but not bank or government ID checks. Data-only plans can't receive that check. SKT plans receive calls and texts after you verify your passport on arrival.

[Source: lguplus.com](https://lguplus.com)

Naver Map 네이버 지도

Works

The map Koreans use. Walking and transit directions that Google Maps can't give here.

Sign up **Yes** With your passport, since June 2026. No Korean number.

English **Yes** Map and voice navigation in English.

Instead: KakaoMap, or the VISITKOREA app.

[Naver press release](#) · [App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

k.ride 케이라이드

Works

Kakao's taxi app for visitors.

Sign up **Yes** Phone number, email, or a social account.

Your card **Yes** Credit and debit cards, PayPal, Alipay+ wallets, WeChat Pay.

English **Yes** Also Japanese and Chinese. Chat with the driver is translated.

Instead: Uber, or wave down a taxi with cash or a card.

[k.ride terms](#) · [App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

Korail website for visitors

Works

코레일 외국인 예매

Book KTX trains. korail.com/global

Sign up **Not needed** No account needed. You find your booking with your email and a password.

Your card **Yes** Overseas cards.

English **Yes** Plus Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian.

Instead: A ticket machine or counter at the station.

korail.com/global · [Korail FAQ](#) · checked 2026-10-22

MobileTmoney (iPhone) 모바일티머니

Works

A transit card in Apple Wallet. Tap for subway, bus and taxi.

Sign up **Not needed** No sign-up. Tap the Foreigner button.

Your card **Partly** Top up with Mastercard, Amex, UnionPay or JCB. Visa isn't on the list.

English **Yes**

Instead: A plastic T-money card from a convenience store, or WOWPASS.

[App Store listing](#) · [Visit Seoul](#) · checked 2026-10-22

Baemin 배달의민족

Works

Food delivery.

Sign up **Partly** A full account needs a Korean number. But you can order as a guest after a text check on your own number.

Your card **Yes** Foreign cards, and Apple Pay with foreign Visa, Mastercard, JCB, Amex since June 2026.

English **Yes** Follows your phone's language.

Instead: Yogiyo.

Woowa press release Aug 2026 · Woowa press release May 2026 · checked 2026-10-22

Yogiyo 요기요

Works

Food delivery.

Sign up **Yes** Guest orders with a foreign number since Sept 2026.

Your card **Yes** Foreign credit cards.

English **Partly** English, Chinese, Japanese in beta.

Instead: Baemin.

App Store version notes · checked 2026-10-22

CatchTable Global 캐치테이블

Works

Restaurant bookings and waitlists.

Sign up **Yes** Sign up with email. Built for visitors without a Korean 010 number.

Your card **Yes** Foreign cards only. Deposits can't be refunded.

English **Yes**

Instead: Call the restaurant, or ask your hotel to book.

[CatchTable help](#) · [App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

WOWPASS 와우패스

Works

Prepaid card for visitors, with a T-money transit card built in.

Sign up **Not needed** The card pays without the app. You need the app only to cash out or reissue.

Your card **Yes** Top up in the app with foreign cards or wallets, or with cash at the machines.

English **Yes**

[WOWPASS FAQ](#) · [App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

Your home wallet (Alipay+)

Works

알리페이플러스

Alipay, PayPay, GCash, Touch 'n Go and others pay by QR at Zero Pay shops. Also on Busan buses since Sept 2026.

Sign up **Not needed** Your own wallet account.

English **Yes** Your own app.

Instead: Your card or WOWPASS.

[Busan city](#) · [ZeroPay_press release](#) · checked 2026-10-22

KakaoTalk 카카오톡

Works

The chat app everyone in Korea uses.

Sign up **Yes** Foreign numbers work.

English **Yes**

[Kakao press release](#) · [App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

Papago 파파고

Works

Translator. Point the camera at a menu.

Sign up **Not needed** No sign-in.

English **Yes**

[App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

Uber 우버

Partly

Books licensed local taxis in Seoul and other cities.

Sign up **Not confirmed** Your existing Uber account. Uber Korea doesn't spell out sign-up rules.

Your card **Partly** Choose in-person payment and pay the driver by cash or card when you get out. Foreign cards in the app: not confirmed.

English **Yes**

Instead: k.ride.

[Uber Seoul](#) · checked 2026-10-22

Naver booking 네이버 예약

Partly

Book, order and pay inside Naver Map.

Sign up **Yes** With your passport, since June 2026.

Your card **Not confirmed** Naver says payment works but doesn't say which cards.

English **Partly**

Instead: CatchTable Global.

Naver press release · checked 2026-10-22

Toss 토스

Partly

Korean money app.

Sign up **Partly** Sign up with a passport, no Korean number. Only some services. Written for foreigners living in Korea.

Your card **Not confirmed**

English **Yes**

Instead: WOWPASS.

Toss · checked 2026-10-22

Kakao T 카카오 T

Not confirmed

Korea's biggest taxi app.

Sign up **Not confirmed** Needs a Kakao account and a text-message check. Kakao doesn't say if foreign numbers pass.

Your card **Yes** Foreign Visa, Mastercard, JCB and Amex, for taxis.

English **Partly**

Instead: k.ride, from the same company, made for visitors.

[Kakao Mobility FAQ](#) · [App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

KORAIL+ app 코레일플러스

Not confirmed

Korail's app. Books KTX and SRT in one place since Aug 2026.

Sign up **Not confirmed** Holiday-season tickets need an account.

Your card **Not confirmed**

English **Yes** Seven languages.

Instead: The Korail website for visitors.

[App Store listing](#) · [Korail notice](#) · checked 2026-10-22

SRT app SRT

Not confirmed

The other high-speed train, from Suseo station in Gangnam.

Sign up **Not confirmed**

Your card **Not confirmed**

English **No** Korean only. SRT's own English link sends you to Korail's visitor site.

Instead: KORAIL+ app or the Korail website for visitors.

[App Store listing](#) · [SRT site](#) · checked 2026-10-22

Coupang Eats 쿠팡이츠

Not confirmed

Food delivery.

Sign up **Not confirmed**

Your card **Not confirmed**

English **Partly**

Instead: Baemin or Yogiyo.

[App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

Tabling 테이블링

Not confirmed

Waitlist app used by many busy restaurants.

Sign up **Not confirmed** Its help pages list only Korean ID checks.

Your card **Not confirmed**

English **No** Korean only.

Instead: CatchTable Global, or show up early.

[App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

Kakao Pay 카카오페이

Not confirmed

Korean phone payment.

Sign up **Not confirmed**

Your card **Not confirmed** We couldn't confirm foreign cards on an official page.

English **Partly**

Instead: Your own card, WOWPASS, or your home wallet.

[App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

NOL World

Not confirmed

놀 월드 (옛 인터파크 글로벌)

Concert and show tickets for visitors.

Sign up **Not confirmed**

Your card **Not confirmed**

English **Yes** Also Japanese and Chinese.

Instead: YES24 Ticket English page.

[App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

Coupang 쿠팡

Not confirmed

Online shopping with next-day delivery.

Sign up **Not confirmed**

Your card **Not confirmed**

English **Partly**

Instead: Olive Young, Daiso and convenience stores in person.

[App Store listing](#) · checked 2026-10-22

Checked 2026-10-22 on official help pages and app store listings.

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showthisinseoul.com/cards has Korean cards to show taxi drivers and restaurant staff.

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